



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Alma Elementary School  
CHEROKEE  
Grades: PK-5 Enrollment: 252  
Principal: Kimberly F. Camp  
Superintendent: Dr. Quincie L. Moore  
Board Chair: Mike Ellis

**PERFORMANCE** Comprehensive detail, including definitions of ratings, performance criteria, and explanations of status, is available on [www.ed.sc.gov](http://www.ed.sc.gov) and [www.eoc.sc.gov](http://www.eoc.sc.gov) as well as school and school district websites. Printed versions are available from school districts upon request.

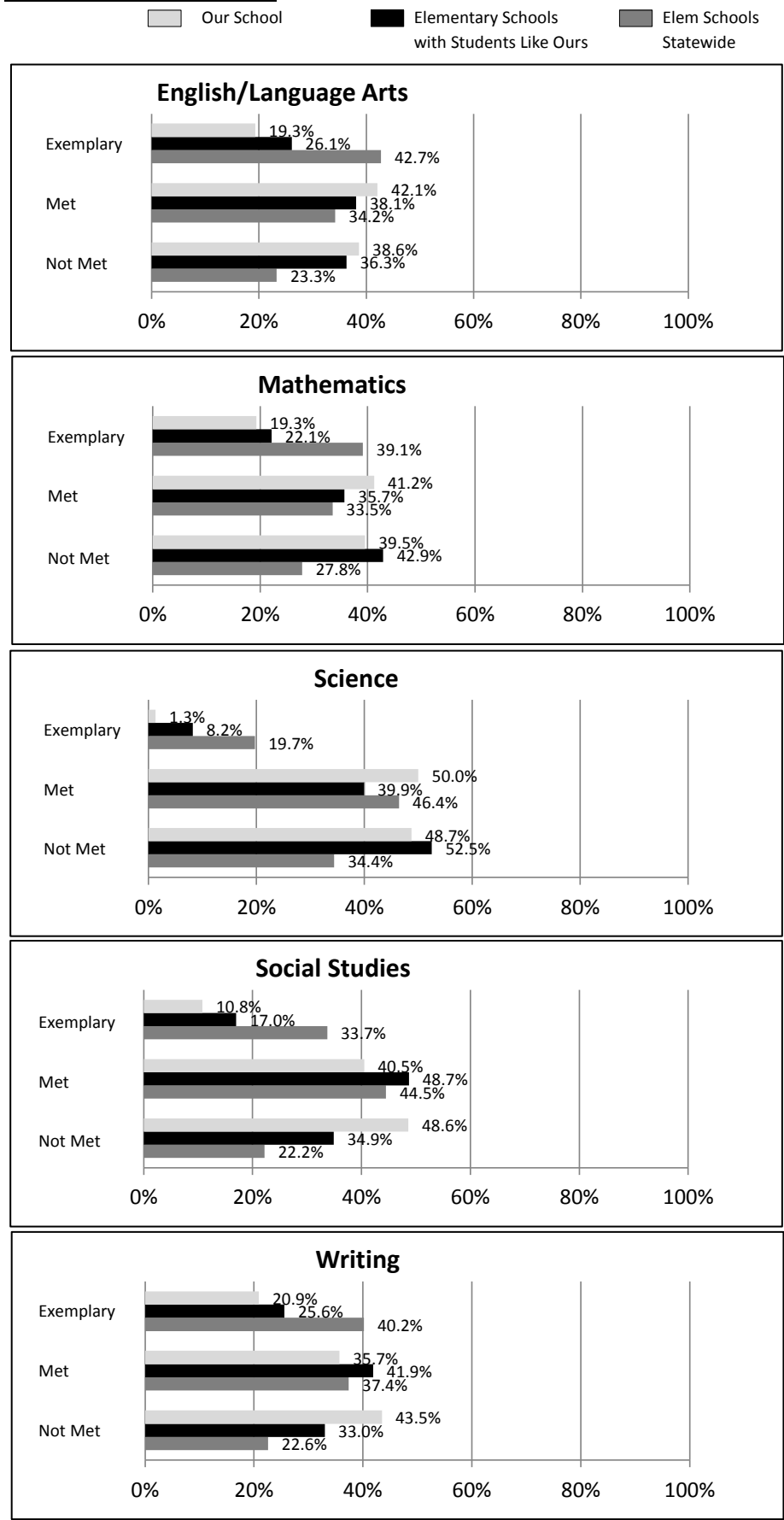
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2014	Below Average	Average	TBD	TBD	F	N/A
2013	Below Average	Average	N/A	N/A	D	N/A
2012	Below Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	C	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
1	6	100	47	16

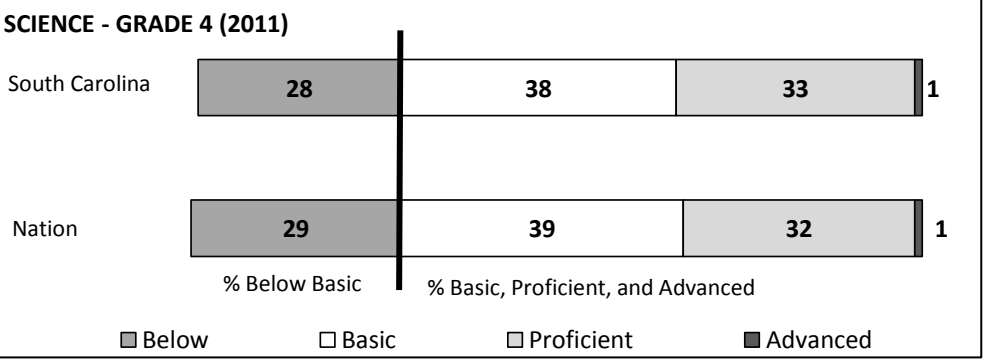
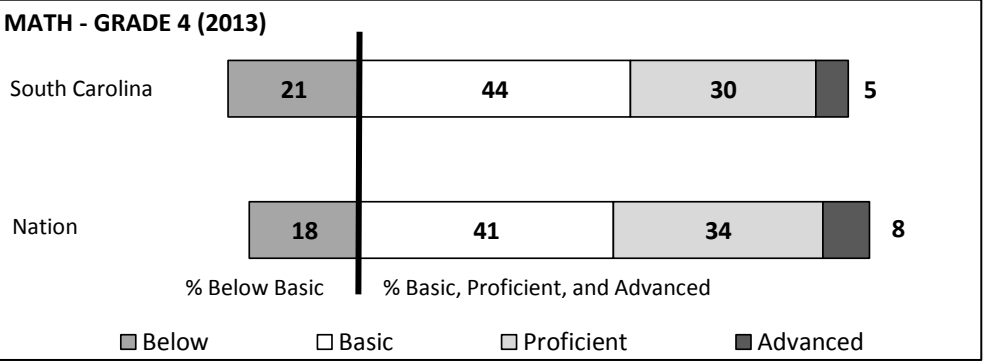
\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

SC PASS PERFORMANCE



NAEP\*

\*Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



SC PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

Abbreviations Key

N/A-Not Applicable    N/AV-Not Available    N/C-Not Collected    N/R-Not Reported    I/S-Insufficient Sample    TBD-To Be Determined

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary Schools
Students (n = 252)				
Retention rate	3.8%	Up from 1.9%	1.6%	1.0%
Attendance rate	96.9%	Up from 96.5%	96.0%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	7.1%	Up from 6.1%	2.7%	7.3%
With disabilities	15.0%	Down from 18.0%	14.0%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	3.9%	Up from 2.6%	3.0%	1.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 21)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	47.6%	Down from 55.0%	59.3%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	85.7%	Up from 80.0%	73.7%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	97.9%	Up from 95.8%	83.5%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.7%	Up from 94.0%	95.3%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$44,782	Down 0.8%	\$45,690	\$47,902
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	7.7 days	Down from 8.7 days	10.5 days	10.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	6.0	Up from 5.0	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.8 to 1	Up from 16.6 to 1	18.4 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.4%	Up from 89.6%	90.2%	90.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	98.7%	Down from 100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,793	Up 8.9%	\$8,781	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	66.0%	No change	64.5%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	64.5%	Up from 64.0%	64.0%	66.0%
ESEA composite index score	58.1	Down from 69.1	69.8	85.7

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.  
\*\*Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	17	38	29
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	97.4%	93.1%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	95.0%	89.6%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	82.3%	92.5%	89.3%

\*Only students at the highest elementary school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

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REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Alma Elementary...where we all “REACH for the STARS!”

Our students and teachers work diligently to make learning exciting and authentic. Using the Common Core State Standards, South Carolina Academic Standards and district guides, we create a school-wide long range plan resulting in innovative lessons. Abundant resources are available in classrooms, Literacy Center and Curriculum Lab.

Parental participation increased. Parents attended our Back to School Night, Parent-Teacher Conferences, Fall Festival, Title I Parenting Sessions, Awards Days, Talent Show, Field Day and more. Parents volunteered with our Science Fair, Book Fair, and Student-Mentor Program. Parents also enjoyed the healthy treats during these events from our Fresh Fruit and Vegetable grant. (With this, all students have a fruit/vegetable snack daily.) Parents are encouraged to check out resources for home use.

Also, Alma Elementary completed the second year as a Professional Development School with Winthrop University after being a Partner School for two years prior. Our faculty and staff hosted three year-long teacher interns. These college students learned first-hand about student learning, specials needs, and literacy development.

Technology continues to increase. From home, educational sites like Bookflix and Time for Kids can be accessed. We will continue to incorporate ipods, Dell tablets, and flip cameras into our instruction. Students have access to our lab weekly to research.

Alma Elementary incorporates ideas learned through the Response to Intervention (RtI) pilot-school site. Teachers tailor lessons to include significant time devoted to actual reading and writing, high-quality instruction, small group and individualized instruction, and focused instruction on students’ changing needs. Classrooms have numerous books matched to reading levels. Alma Elementary makes Literacy Matter.

Literacy is an integral part of every day in all subjects. Students read poetry, fiction, and non-fiction daily with opportunities to write and talk about the text. Our students were fortunate to be able to self-select eight books each for extended reading during the summer. This initiative was provided and funded through SC State Department of Education. Students will return to school in the fall with their summer reading logs.

At Alma, we refer to our school as “our learning home.” As a Positive Behavior Invention Supports (PBIS) school, we believe in creating a family-friendly environment with high-expectations. With excellent customer service and tightened security measures, we record visitors with photo capabilities with a computer sign-in program.

Education is a team effort among students, parents, school faculty, and community. Twenty individuals from Milliken-Allen and Magnolia Plants and one from Hamrick Mills serve as mentors weekly to our students. We encourage you to visit our school to see first-hand how parent involvement, teacher dedication and motivated students make a successful school. At Alma, we SHINE as we “think, inspire, imagine, and celebrate.”